



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Applicant:** KAORU UCHIDA

**Examiner:** Aaron W. Carter

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**Docket:** 14098

**For:** USER AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS  
WHICH USES BIOMETRICS AND USER  
AUTHENTICATION METHOD FOR USE  
WITH USER AUTHENTICATION APPARATUS

**Date:** May 23, 2005

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Mail Stop Amendment  
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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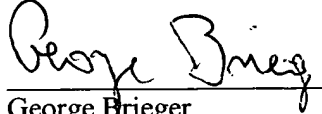
Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2004, Applicant respectfully requests under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.111 that the above-identified Application be amended as follows and that the Application be allowed.

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**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.8(a)**

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